

Gas pipeline to link Algeria, Italy

TUNIS (R) — Presidents Sandro Pertini of Italy and Chadli Benjedid of Algeria arrived here Wednesday to open up a natural gas pipeline linking their two countries via Tunisia, the Tunisian news agency TAP said. The 2,498-kilometre long pipeline was completed in 1981 but prolonged negotiations prevented the signing of a final agreement until last month. Wednesday's ceremonies, also attended by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, mark the coming of 12.5 billion cubic metres of gas a year to Italy from the Algerian field of Hassi R'mel. The 160-kilometre Mediterranean section running underwater from Cape Bon in Tunisia to Sicily is composed of three separate 50-cm (20-inch) pipes laid at depths of up to 600 metres.

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Abu Jihad arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member and PLO forces Deputy Commander Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad) arrived in Amman Wednesday from Damascus.

Athens explosions claimed revenge for Sartawi killing

ATHENS (R) — An organisation acting in the name of a murdered moderate Palestinian official claimed responsibility for two bombs attacks on Arab targets here early Tuesday. An anonymous telephone caller told a news agency that the attacks, one outside the Syrian consulate and another next to a Libyan school, had been carried out by "the Group of Martyrs of Issam Sartawi." Mr. Sartawi, regarded as a moderate in the Palestine Liberation Organisation, was shot dead in Lisbon last month during a conference of the Socialist International.

Oman supports Lebanon pact

BAHRAIN (R) — Oman's minister of state for foreign affairs, Youssef Al Alawi Al Abdullah, said Wednesday his country supported efforts by Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and his government to secure an Israeli troops withdrawal from Lebanon. In a statement to the Qatari News Agency, monitored here, Mr. Alawi said: "Oman supports all decisions which the legitimate Lebanese authorities feel are in Lebanon's interest."

U.N. to debate occupied lands

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Security Council members agreed Tuesday to meet later this week on the situation in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories, diplomatic sources said.

Abu Dhabi receives Libyan message

ABU DHABI (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan Wednesday received a message from Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi believed to deal with the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal pact. The official Emirates News Agency said the message was delivered by Libyan Oil Minister Kamel Hassan Al Maqhour, who has delivered similar messages to other Gulf states.

Israeli patrol attacked near Zahran

NICOSIA (R) — Lebanese commandos attacked an Israeli military patrol near the town of Zahran in southern Lebanon Tuesday night, causing an unknown number of casualties, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported Wednesday.

Egyptair resumes Beirut flights

BEIRUT (R) — The Egyptian national airline Egyptair resumed flights from Cairo to Beirut Wednesday after a break of more than four years. Egyptair's flights to Beirut were suspended because of an Arab boycott of Egypt following its 1979 treaty with Israel.

Lebanon-Syria routes open; tension remains

BEIRUT (R) — Routes between Lebanon and Syria were reopened Wednesday after being closed as an apparent protest against Tuesday's signing of an Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement.

Lebanese security sources said traffic was flowing normally through Syrian armed forces' lines in the central Lebanese mountains and the Bekaa Valley.

But local residents reported continuing tension in the mountains and the Bekaa as Syria stepped up its opposition to the U.S.-backed troop withdrawal agreement.

Lebanese security sources reported artillery exchanges between two villages in the central mountains Wednesday afternoon. The firing between Druze in Aitah and right-wing militia in Souq Al Gharb lasted only a few minutes but was followed by sporadic light weapons fire, the sources said. There were no reports of casualties.

Both villages are in areas behind Israeli lines and residents of surrounding areas said the exchange was prompted by a general feeling of unease over the effective impasse in efforts to rid Lebanon of foreign forces.

Syria is bitterly opposed to the troop withdrawal agreement and Israel has said it will not pull its forces out of Lebanon unless Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) withdraw their

men. Lebanese security sources reported Tuesday that Syrian forces had blocked the main Beirut-Damascus highway at Mdeirj, about three kilometres from Israeli lines, and two other mountain roads.

But the same sources said Wednesday it appeared Syrian-backed Lebanese leftists had cut the main highway Tuesday.

In Damascus, Syrian officials declined comment when asked whether their forces had cut any roads in Lebanon.

United States' Middle East envoy Philip Habib was due in Beirut Wednesday for talks with Lebanese leaders on how to implement the deal with Israel signed Tuesday.

Envoy to Libya recalled

Foreign Ministry sources in Beirut said that Lebanon had decided to withdraw its ambassador to Libya, Nizar Farhat, after criticism by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi of Lebanon's agreement with Israel.

The Foreign Ministry had also asked Libya's representative in Beirut, at present abroad, not to

return, the sources said.

The official Libyan news agency JANA reported Tuesday night that Libya had asked the Lebanese ambassador to leave Tripoli because of Lebanon's "agreement of shame" with Israel and was also withdrawing its representative in Beirut.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem met Saudi Arabia's Charge d'Affaires Abubakar Abbas Rafiq Wednesday to discuss the future of the Lebanese-Israeli accord, official Lebanese sources said.

They discussed "Saudi Arabia's role this week and next week," the sources added without elaborating.

Western diplomats said the reference to this week and next week could mean Saudi Arabia will mediate between Lebanon and Syria over Lebanon's desire to remove Syrian and Palestinian forces and thus allow implementation of the Israeli pull-out.

The Lebanese government is expected to open formal contacts with Syria shortly to try to persuade it to pull out its troops.

The government has said that President Amin Gemayel, Foreign Minister Salem and Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan would all be part of a "working group" to strengthen contacts with Syria. It was not known whether the group intended to visit Damascus.

President Gemayel Wednesday met visiting French presidential envoy Francois de Grossouvre. No details of their discussions were announced.

Syria refuses to meet Habib, slams Reagan

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria said Wednesday it would not receive U.S. special envoy Philip Habib in Damascus and lashed out at comments by President Reagan on its rejection of a U.S.-backed agreement for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

"It has been decided not to receive Habib in Syria because we have nothing to discuss with him and because he is one of the most hostile American diplomats to the Arabs and their causes," the official news agency SANA quoted an official source as saying.

Although no announcement had been made that Mr. Habib was planning a trip to Syria, diplomatic sources said he wanted to come and discuss Syrian objections which are blocking the implementation of the Lebanese-Israeli deal signed Tuesday.

Later, state radio slammed President Reagan for remarks he made at a press conference in Washington Tuesday night in which he said he expected Syria to withdraw its forces from Lebanon despite its stand against the accord.

The radio said Mr. Reagan spoke of Syria "as though he was speaking of the Nevada Desert or California... as though he possesses the right of the decision-making in Syria or can dictate his will on it."

"Syria will not submit to any pressures or threats, even if U.S. rulers use Israel in a full-scale aggression," it said.

Syria says the accord undermines Lebanese sovereignty and Syrian security and does not meet conditions for withdrawing its forces. Israel refuses to honour the deal unless Syrian and PLO forces also pull out.

Mr. Reagan said Syria was on record as saying it would withdraw whenever Lebanon asked it and he thought Damascus would "stick to their word."

But the radio replied that there was no such undertaking as long as Israel "is making gains from its invasion and annexing one-third of Lebanon for Israeli security, including areas close to the Syrian border."

The agreement includes provision for a "security" zone in southern Lebanon patrolled by joint Lebanese-Israeli army teams.

The radio said Syria's rejection of the withdrawal accord would continue until the agreement was dropped, adding: "What is between Syria and Lebanon is a bilateral affair."

Diplomats said Syria had not closed the door on withdrawal talks by snubbing Mr. Habib, but may have been signalling it wanted talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel said in an interview published in the New York Times Tuesday his country needed the full support of the U.S. in this task.



Prime Minister Mudar Badran (second from right) Wednesday confers with Belgian Crown Prince Albert of Belgium (to Mr. Badran's right) and members of the delegation accompanying the prince (Petra photo)

Badran, Suheimat meet Belgian team

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran conferred Wednesday with the visiting crown prince of Belgium, Albert de Belgique, on Jordanian-Belgian cooperation in trade and economic affairs and bilateral relations.

Attending the meeting at the Prime Ministry was Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour, National Planning Council President Hanna Odeh, and the delegation accompanying Prince Albert on his visit to Jordan.

Later the Belgian delegation met with Transport Minister Ali Suheimat who briefed them on Jordan's programmes and activities in transportation.

He also discussed with Prince Albert and his delegation cooperation between Jordan and Belgium in developing Jordan's railways and the possibility of laying a railway line between Amman and Zarqa with a branch that can reach as far as the Queen Alia International Airport.

Israel warns against war of attrition

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel, facing likely tension with Syria over a pact signed Tuesday with Beirut on a withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, has warned it will not be drawn into a war of attrition.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said in a radio interview Tuesday Israel "will not tolerate a war of attrition" with Syria.

Israel would "widen the rate of (its) operations" should Syria launch local attacks on Israeli soldiers, he said.

If Syria refused to withdraw from Lebanon, Israel would consider a partial pullback of its troops in consultation with Beirut and Washington, he said.

Chief-of-staff Gen. Moshe

Levy said Tuesday that Israel "has no intention of entering a deteriorating situation" of local attacks and counter-attacks.

In an interview on Israel Television, he said Israel would respond sharply to any Syrian attacks.

The general toured Israeli outposts in Lebanon, near areas where Syria responded to the signing of the Israeli-Lebanese agreement by blocking off the Beirut-Damascus road.

Israelis were largely subdued over the signing of the agreement, because of doubts that it will be implemented.

Israel has made its withdrawal of an estimated 25,000 troops conditional on withdrawal of

40,000 Syrian and 6,000-8,000 Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) forces from Lebanon.

Syria has so far rejected the agreement. But David Kimche, chief Israeli negotiator during more than four months of talks leading to the pact, said the Syrians "will be under pressure to leave Lebanon."

The pact provides for joint Lebanese-Israeli patrols to ensure Palestinian forces do not resume cross-border attacks from bases in South Lebanon.

Lebanon was reported here to have given assurances, not in the agreement, that Israel's Lebanese militia ally Saad Haddad and his men may play a major role in "security" arrangements.

GCC discusses Gulf war, Lebanon

RIYADH (R) — Six Gulf foreign ministers met here Wednesday to discuss a peace mission to warring Iran and Iraq by two of their number and the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah and United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdulla Al Nuaimi went straight into a closed session with their colleagues from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman on arriving here from Baghdad.

The two envoys met President Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders in Baghdad after talks with Iranian officials including President Ali Khamenei in Tehran Tuesday.

Informed sources in Kuwait said earlier this week the ministers would be sounding out Iran and Iraq on a fresh initiative by the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members to end the 32-month-old conflict.

their mission.

Algerian meets Khomeini

TEHRAN (R) — Algerian Prime Minister Mohammed Ben Ahmad Abdelghani, whose country has been playing an active role in trying to end the Iran-Iraq war, held talks Wednesday with Iranian President Ali Khomeini, Tehran Radio said.

It said Mr. Khomeini told Mr. Abdelghani that cooperation between Iran and Algeria was vital in view of "imperialist policies putting constant pressure on this region."

The president also urged what he called progressive Arab states to stand by Syria, the radio said. Syria has rejected a U.S.-negotiated agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon, saying its terms threaten Syrian security.

The radio did not say whether the two leaders discussed the Gulf war.

Stern says dealer himself probably forged 'Hitler diaries'

BONN (R) — The West German magazine Stern said Wednesday that Konrad Kujau, a dealer in Nazi memorabilia who under the false name of Fischer supplied it with the fake "Hitler diaries," probably forged them himself.

Stern, its latest edition, released Wednesday, said that it had asked an expert, Professor Lothar Michel of Mannheim University, to compare samples of Mr. Kujau's handwriting with the script in the purported diaries.

"After an internal comparison, there is evidence that both handwritings—despite the evident, superficial differences—in fact come from one and the same writer," it quoted Prof. Michel as saying.

Mr. Kujau, 44, now in custody awaiting questioning in Hamburg, has admitted supplying the diaries to Stern but said charges that he wrote them himself were absurd.

In a statement issued through his lawyer after he turned himself

in last Saturday, Mr. Kujau said: "I can neither read nor write old German script."

Stern gave a lengthy self-critical account of how it acquired the documents, which the federal archives declared to be blatant recent forgeries.

The article described the "Hitler diaries" scoop as "the greatest journalistic failure of all time" and blamed the magazine's chief editors and publishers for failing to take the most elementary precautions because of exaggerated secrecy.

It said Stern reporter Gerd Heidemann, who has since been fired, first met "Fischer" in late 1981 after contacting him through a former member of the elite Nazi S.S. corps.

"Fischer" told him the diaries had been discovered by his brother-in-law, a museum director in East Germany, and smuggled out of the Communist state with the help of a brother, a

major-general in the East German army.

Only after it had paid 9.34 million marks (\$3.83 million) for the forgeries did Stern find out the dealer's name was really Kujau and the relatives in East Germany were a railway porter and a hospital heating worker, the article said.

Throwing money into passing car

Stern quoted Mr. Heidemann as saying he paid three instalments by throwing bags full of money from his car into a passing East German car on one of the transit routes from West Germany to West Berlin, inside East German territory.

The car then overtook Mr. Heidemann's Mercedes and the driver, whom he could not identify, threw packages containing volumes of the purported diaries into the reporter's car.

Several West German historians questioned by Reuters have said they were told the same

story by Mr. Kujau when he tried to sell the volumes of purported Hitler diaries or other documents related to the Nazi dictator.

Stern's version of the affair was contained in a 10-page report entitled *Das Wind-ef*, a German expression for a burst bubble or non-story, that included photographs of Mr. Kujau.

The article quoted Mr. Kujau's girlfriend, Edith Lieblang, as telling friends: "Conny (Konrad) is working day and night for Stern. He's absolutely exhausted."

Police and prosecutors last week raided Mr. Kujau's home and Nazi memorabilia shop in Stuttgart, taking away cartons full of books, letters and other documents.

Hamburg prosecutor's spokesman Peter Beck said the dealer would be questioned once officials had sifted through this evidence, and other documents seized during a search of Mr. Heidemann's Hamburg apartment.

Youths demonstrate inside Bundestag

BONN (R) — A group of youths stormed the podium, threw paint and raised anti-war banners in the chamber of the West German Bundestag (lower house) Wednesday as deputies were taking part in a special session, cye . nesses said. Security men dragged away about 25 young people involved in the demonstration after they had thrown bags of red paint at the giant symbolic eagle behind the speaker's podium and chanted slogans. The protesters were among some 500 young people invited by West German President Karl Carstens and the political parties to attend a special "youth question-time." They unfurled banners saying "End Fascism" and "No More War" and scattered leaflets demanding "Freedom for Mao" and bearing "Greetings to Our Friends in Prison."

N. Yemeni president resigns

BAHRAIN (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh submitted his resignation at an extraordinary meeting of the People's Constituent Assembly Wednesday, the Gulf news agency said.

In a report from Sanaa, the Bahrain-based agency said Mr. Saleh told the 159-member assembly he would not nominate himself for the next presidential elections. But he did not spell out whether he would refuse a nomination by the assembly.

In a separate report from the North Yemeni capital the Saudi Press Agency, monitored here, said the assembly had opened the door for nominations and that candidates could register until next Sunday.

But it said it appeared that at least two thirds of the assembly would call for the re-election of the 51-year-old president.

Mr. Saleh was elected president in July 1978 to succeed President Ahmad Hussein Al Ghashmi, killed by a parcel bomb blast in June that year.

Mr. Saleh first achieved public prominence after then president Col. Ibrahim Al Hamadi was assassinated in 1977.

He became military commander of Taiz province, and on Mr. Gashimi's death was appointed to a four-man presidential council before being elected to replace him.

He survived an assassination attempt in September 1978 and a coup attempt in October.

Weinberger: Israel needs F-16 fighters

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Tuesday that the Soviet Union had sent new missiles to Syria and this increased pressure for lifting the American embargo on sales of additional F-16 fighters to Israel.

But he refused to tell the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee whether he had recommended President Reagan to release the planes.

Sales of the 75 advanced fighters were held up after Israel invaded Lebanon last summer.

Secretary of State George Shultz said after Israel and Lebanon agreed to the withdrawal of Israeli troops earlier this month that there was no reason to continue holding up the sales, and the embargo would be lifted.

Mr. Weinberger said 5,000 Soviet troops had been sent to Syria recently to man batteries of Soviet SAM-5 surface-to-air missiles and that other arms had also been sent.

Mr. Weinberger, testifying in support of the MX and new small "Midgetman" missiles, also said he personally thought the Soviet Union had violated the spirit of the SALT II arms pact in tests of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM).

Kyprianou condemns Denktash remarks

ATHENS (R) — President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus Wednesday condemned as totally irresponsible proposals by the Turkish Cypriot minority on the divided island to declare an independent state.

Mr. Kyprianou, in an interview with Reuters, said his government might seek a meeting of the U.N. Security Council if such a move went ahead.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash was quoted by the London Times Tuesday as saying he would propose declaring northern Cyprus independent and seeking international recognition when he returned there at the end of the week.

Mr. Kyprianou said: "I condemn completely all these threats. They are totally irresponsible. I think such a move would be to the detriment of the Turkish Cypriots."

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NEWS

UNICEF chief studies prospects

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Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "The visit was primarily to acquaint myself with the views of the governments on their own thoughts and the emphasis given to social development," the newly appointed United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) regional director for the eastern Mediterranean based in Beirut, Dr. Charles A. Egger told the Jordan Times.

Dr. Egger, who arrived in Amman May 11 for a five-day visit added that the aim of the visit is also to learn about the present extent of cooperation between individual governments and UNICEF and its future prospects.

According to Dr. Egger, there is at the moment a three-year agreement with UNICEF running until 1984 "which lays down the major thrust of UNICEF participation, and has, most importantly, moved away from the sectoral to the area development approach."

Dr. Egger explained that area development means "concentrating services together, in order to see a more synergistic effect." By this he means the bringing together of education and medical services, water supply and agricultural programmes and the integration of these with the needs of the people's social consciousness and awareness.

He went on to say that there cannot be any social development without the involvement of the people themselves. "This is not a programme where you sit in a hospital and dish out medicine, it involves the people in taking part in their own development and it is very important that the people can identify with it."

Dr. Egger added that UNICEF has been helpful in assisting the Water Supply Corporation with developing the quality of its water especially in some of the country's inaccessible areas.

He said that Kiteh is an ex-

ample of UNICEF's success "what UNICEF is interested in is using water for sanitation purposes," he said.

"We have to educate people to understand how to utilise water and how to make sure that water is safe for drinking purpose, as well as for hygiene," he said.

"The government," he said, "is giving a considerable degree of attention to such social development to balance the individual role with the government's function in providing infrastructural projects such as roads."

Dr. Egger, while driving back from a visit to Aqaba, said that he "was impressed by the work that has been done on the Afurah Station, the building of schools and the introduction of new methods of cultivation."

"It is quite amazing to see forests, greenery and the various kinds of trees that have been planted." He pointed out that the institution of Arbor Day is a particularly good project under which many trees are being cultivated.

He said that area development is not an easy task because "it necessitates the breaking down of old established customs of government bureaucracies."

"Allan, which is a community development centre, has been adopted as a regional training centre by the Ministry of Social Development with the support of the Arab Council of the Ministries of Social Welfare," he said.

But, Dr. Egger explained, activities for community development cannot remain in the centre hut must get out into the field.

But also, he pointed out, Jordan has laid great emphasis on the improvement of rural areas. "Village women's groups have contributed to that development as they have made an appreciative step in organising themselves, while they are eager for education further to improve themselves."

He pointed out that as an ex-

ample of this, women in rural areas have started sewing and knitting classes. "Although these are traditional occupations, it is a useful starting point to bring these women together." "These women, who have never been to school, are eager to enroll in literacy classes, while women who have obtained only a limited education are interested in relearning."

Dr. Egger pointed out that some areas have assumed a fairly high degree of development at the local and district levels. This he attributed as a result "of an encouraging attitude adopted by the community and its leadership such as the Mukhtars, presidents of the Village League Councils and the women's committees."

Dr. Egger pointed out that social development "does not necessarily start from the top as sometimes it relies on grass roots initiatives."

As for UNICEF's future plans, Dr. Egger stressed that it would take an interest in all new types of activities. "Past UNICEF activities were associated with certain projects, such as the expansion of local planning organisations in Jordan."

"We have expanded programmes of immunisation, and launched a national programme to immunise children against the likes of diphtheria, tetanus, small pox, and measles which has been successfully completed," he said.

Dr. Egger stressed that in 1984 UNICEF should not have the same role "for there are new areas of activity which require our attention."

Elaborating on the subject of area development, he pointed out that UNICEF would link up and coordinate several of its services. "We are going to encourage the people to contribute physically in providing these services as it is in their interest to do so, and I am sure that they can play a major role in such a process," he said.

"It is vital that area development," he emphasised "is understood by people at the local level so that the ministries can work with the encouragement rather than against the suspicion of the population."

Speaking of how UNICEF could contribute to this, he said that "we could show how a certain project could be completed in order to win over people's confidence."

UNICEF, however, can never compete in terms of particularly financial resources with agencies like the World Bank and their own development schemes, "but, when it comes to innovation, though our projects might be small scale, at least they are not purely theoretical."

Dr. Egger concluded by saying that, after his visit to Jordan, he will consult with technical experts to see "how UNICEF can improve its 1984 contribution to Jordan."



The delegation from the People's Republic of China prepares to take its leave at the end of its five-day visit to Jordan (Petra photo)

Chinese team goes after 'fruitful' visit

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the National Political Committee of the People's Republic of China Wednesday wound up a five-day visit to Jordan and departed for home.

During their visit, the delegation held talks with Prime Minister Mudar Badran and National Consultative Council (NCC) Speaker Suleiman Arar on bolstering cooperation between Jordan and China.

The delegation members were also taken on a tour of archaeological sites in the country.

In a pre-departure statement, the delegation leader described his talks in Jordan as "successful and fruitful", and expressed hope that there would be further visits to Jordan by Chinese officials and that these would be reciprocated.

The delegation was seen off at Amman airport by Suleiman Arar, NCC members and China's ambassador to Jordan Huang Shishi.

New hospital site chosen

IRBID (Petra) — A 115-dunum plot of land has been chosen by the Ministry of Health for the establishment of a 500-bed modern hospital to the south of Irbid, according to a spokesman for the Department of Health here.

He said that the new hospital will offer X-ray, laboratory testing and surgery facilities. Work will begin early next year on the new hospital which will be equipped with modern apparatus and machines and a staff of specialists and nurses, the spokesman said.

According to the health department, the health centre in the town of Northern Shuneh in the Jordan Valley will be expanded into a mini hospital in the coming few months. A new building has already been selected to serve as the new hospital in the town, the department spokesman said.

Jordan 'suited' for bee breeding

AMMAN (Petra) — The Romanian bee-breeding specialist Wednesday made a preliminary report to Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin on his exploratory visits and experiments on breeding bees in Jordan.

According to the specialist, Jordan is ideally suited for bee-breeding given the appropriate climatic conditions and the presence of ample pasture land.

In his report, he proposed that a national bee-breeding programme should be formulated with a view to implementation.

Car smash stats released

AMMAN (Petra) — Road accidents in Jordan in February this year amounted to 1040, in which 12 people died and 472 sustained injuries, according to a statistical bulletin released by the Public

Security Department Wednesday. It said that Amman had the major share of these accidents, contributing 391, while Ma'an had the fewest with only 12 accidents.

Zarqa school tender floated

ZARQA (Petra) — A tender has been floated for the construction of a 40 classroom school in the town of Al Hashemeh in Zarqa district.

The JD 80,000 project will be financed by a loan from the Cities and Villages Development Bank, and the Ministry of Education

which will supply 50 per cent of the cost. Al Hussein Thermal Power Station at Al Hashemeh has built 144 housing units for its employees, and Wednesday it announced the start of work on parks and playgrounds for children living in these housing units.

Caritas director off to Rome

AMMAN (Petra) — Caritas director in Jordan Father Mousa 'Adeli left for Rome Wednesday to present Pope John Paul II with a token gift from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

The gift depicts the ancient Nabataean city of Petra in southern Jordan together with a gold medal bearing the picture of His Majesty King Hussein and Pope Paul VI during the latter's visit to Jordan in 1964.

During his stay in Rome, Father 'Adeli will take part in a conference of Caritas societies around the world, which will open at the Vatican on May 29.

At least 105 countries will be represented at the conference. Father 'Adeli will also discuss with the representatives of the Caritas society in West Germany and Switzerland a number of projects that they will be implementing in Jordan.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Journalists have preview of new airport

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation of journalists and information officials Wednesday visited the Queen Alia International Airport one week before it is officially to be inaugurated under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein. The delegation toured the airport's various sections and were briefed on their functions and services.

Golf committee tees off

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Sports City Club has created a special golf committee to be chaired by Culture and Youth Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar which will be responsible for establishing Amman's first golf course, a club spokesman said Wednesday. The committee will determine the location of a golf course in the Sports City vicinity, and will convene an open meeting at the end of June to discuss with all interested people ways of promoting the sport.

Road race runs late

AMMAN (J.T.) — The 10 kilometre road race sponsored by Amman Marriott Hotel has been postponed until Sunday May 22 from Friday May 20.

Swiss consul's posting ends

AMMAN (J.T.) — Swiss consul in Amman Max Wegmueller Wednesday gave a farewell party to mark the end of his posting in Jordan. Mr. Wegmueller has served as first secretary and consul in Jordan for the last five years. During his term he was active in developing commercial and cultural relations between Jordan and Switzerland.

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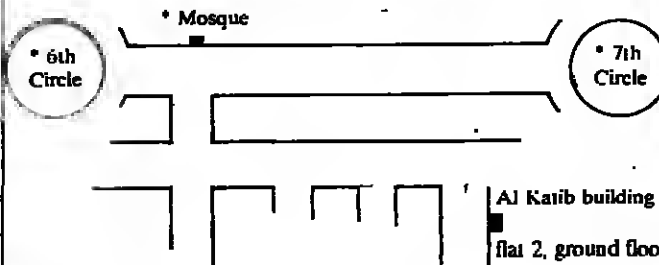
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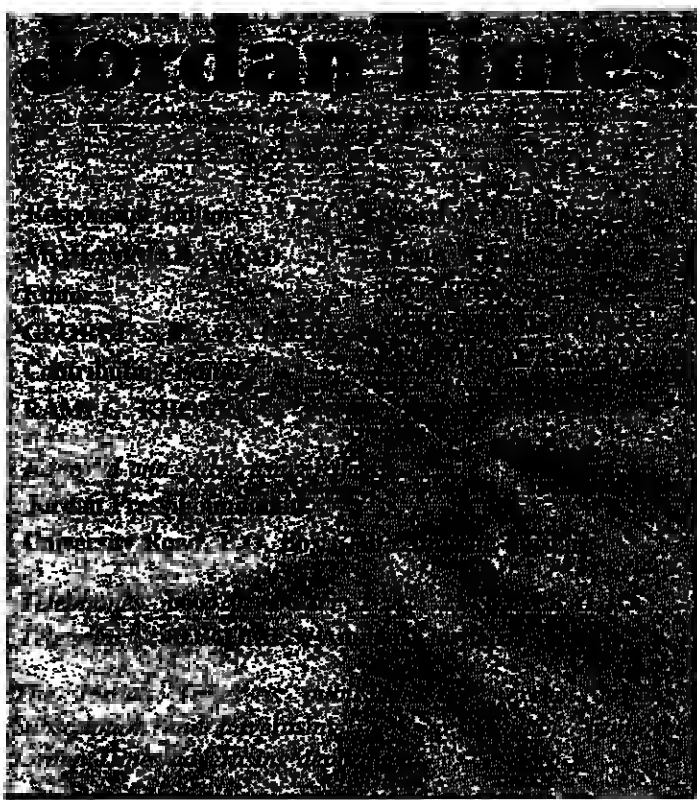
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Gee whiz politics

THE PRESENCE of Soviet anti-aircraft missiles and troops in Syria is looming ever larger as a cause for further tension in the Middle East, and a focal point of American-Soviet confrontation. The remarks on the Soviet presence in Syria that were made earlier this week by the American president and his secretary of defence remind us how the American leadership can put all the rules of logic aside when the status of Israel is concerned. Mr. Reagan and Mr. Weinberger have both said that the American embargo on selling 75 new F-16 fighter-bombers to Israel should be lifted now because of the presence of the Soviet weaponry and troops in Syria. President Reagan said that he "did not see what reason the Soviets have" to be in Syria.

Both of these grown men seem to forget that the Soviet presence in Syria or other Arab states is directly proportional to the level of American military and political aid to Israel. It is regrettable that the two superpowers use local conflicts to increase their presence and importance in different regions of the world. But it is even more regrettable that one of the two superpowers should then play dumb by saying, as Mr. Reagan did this week, that, Gee whiz, folks, the other superpower should not be in the Middle East and we don't know what they are doing here. This is either stupidity or hypocrisy, or a combination of the two.

The Soviets seem to be increasing their role in Syria because, as Mr. Reagan may have forgotten, last year Israel used American arms and money to invade Lebanon, destroy great parts of it and occupy it. We remember — even if Mr. Reagan prefers to forget — that during the invasion of June 1982, Mr. Reagan himself said in a press conference that he understood why Israel had to go into Lebanon and he thought it was more or less OK with him as long as the Israeli army did not go too far north in Lebanon. Why do the Syrians or other Arabs ask for Soviet help in such circumstances? Because the presence of people such as Mr. Reagan in the Israeli camp make it imperative for some Arabs to seek Soviet help as a counterforce to the American support for Israel. We still think all of this is regrettable. But it shouldn't be hard to understand why it happens. Even for Mr. Reagan.

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Al Ra'i: Travel measures aid Arabs

JORDANIAN measures for West Bank and the Gaza Strip citizens' traveling abroad were prompted by the government's concern to safeguard Arab rights in the occupied territories and to foil Israeli attempts to evict the Arabs from their homeland. The measures, restricting Arab citizens' entry and departure from the occupied territories to the two bridges spanning the River Jordan, ought to be regarded as another demonstration of the government's desire to keep the main arteries open between the two banks of the river and to preserve the close links between the peoples. The Interior Ministry's statement Tuesday was no more than a reasonable attempt to help the Arab people under Israeli rule to cling on to their land in the face of Israel's relentless efforts to expel them from their homeland. The Israeli authorities were not happy with the Jordanian moves and are launching a propaganda campaign to distort the true reasons lying behind the new measures with the aim of winning over the sympathy of the Arab people under their rule.

It goes without saying that the Arab population will never be taken in by such propaganda, since they realise that the "wolf can not be transformed into a lamb overnight," or indeed become a guardian of the Arab people's interests. The cohesion between the peoples on the two banks is being forged daily, it cannot be permitted to wane.

Al Dustour: Tool to thwart Israel

ISRAEL's settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories aims to achieve two objectives: the confiscation of Arab land from its legitimate owners, prior to annexing it formally. To achieve these objectives, Israel has exercised intimidation and economic and social pressure on the Arab population in the occupied lands. Many people inside and outside the territories are not aware of the true situation, and do not fully realise the dangers and threats inherent in these Israeli practices, and the far-reaching effects they have on the people of the two banks of the River Jordan.

The Jordanian measures on travel for West Bank and Gaza Strip citizens came about not only to organise travel across the bridges but most importantly to impede Israel's settlement programmes. It is not in the interests of the Palestinians, the Jordanians and the Arabs at large to allow the Israelis to pursue their programmes of expelling people from their land and establishing Jewish settlements in their place. Therefore the new measures, announced by the Interior Ministry Tuesday, should be regarded as a tool with which to thwart Israel's designs and should be understood as the best means through which to display our national responsibility towards our homeland.

Sawt Al Shaab: Measures favour Palestinians

SINCE Israel's occupation of the West Bank in 1967, Jordan has been displaying a keenness to maintain links with the Arab people and has been doing all it can to strengthen their steadfastness in the face of Israel's pressure and inhuman practices. Of late Israel's policies have been directed at establishing new settlements on Arab land and turning out the Arabs from their homes and property. Jordan has thus found it necessary to take counter-measures to foil Israel's plans which form the Zionists' final attempt to liquidate the Palestinian problem.

Ministry of Interior's measures announced Tuesday represent a determined Arab effort to confront Israel's policies and at the same time to organise travel procedures across the two bridges of the River Jordan. The new measures in fact offer guarantees to the Palestinians to safeguard their homeland and prevent the Israelis from giving their lands over to Israeli settlers.

Saudi Arabia: Washington's possible ace for Syrian pullout

By Jeffrey Antevil
Reuters

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration is counting on Saudi Arabia to help convince Syria to pull its forces out of Lebanon, but some U.S. officials question whether the Saudis are willing to do so.

Despite Syria's condemnation of the Israeli-Lebanese accord calling for withdrawal of Syrian, Palestinian and Israeli forces from Lebanon, U.S. officials told Reuters that Washington hoped Riyadh could persuade the 40,000 to 50,000 Syrians to pull out.

Israel says its troops, numbering up to 25,000, will not leave unless the Syrians and 8,000 to 10,000 Palestinians also go.

U.S. officials note that Saudi Arabia gives Syria, which recently

made major purchases of new Soviet weapons, more than half a billion dollars a year.

Showing the importance attached to Riyadh's role, Secretary of State George Shultz flew there after negotiating the withdrawal accord earlier this month.

A few days later, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger made a hastily scheduled trip to Paris to meet the Saudi defence minister, Prince Sultan.

Both Mr. Shultz and Mr. Weinberger have said they remain hopeful of an eventual Syrian withdrawal.

But Prince Sultan told reporters after meeting Mr. Weinberger that "Saudi Arabia is not a tool in the hands of any big or small power for exerting pressure on an Arab nation."

Some middle-level officials in

the Reagan administration told Reuters they had seen little sign of Saudi support for the agreement between Israel and Lebanon.

They noted a report by Syria's official press agency which said, after Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam met Saudi King Fahd in Riyadh, that

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both governments found the withdrawal agreement unacceptable "in its present form."

The officials said that if this accurately represented the Saudi view, it would be the second major disappointment Riyadh had dealt to the U.S. in the past few weeks.

H.M. King Hussein said he would not join peace talks with Israel and Egypt last month after Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, in a last-minute switch, refused even tacit support for the King's efforts.

Mr. Arafat closely consulted Saudi Arabia, a major financier of the PLO, during his talks with King Hussein.

As a result, Washington appeared to hold Riyadh partly responsible for failing to bring Mr. Arafat around. President Reagan and Mr. Shultz publicly appealed to Arab moderates such as the Saudis to remove what they called the PLO's veto power over the peace process.

The U.S. officials noted that Saudi Arabia did not come out in support of Reagan's Middle East peace plan of last September. The Saudis also joined other Arabs in condemning Egypt for signing the Camp David peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Some U.S. officials ask what

support Washington has obtained in return for advanced U.S. weapons and security guarantees it has given Saudi Arabia.

But sharp disappointment with Riyadh or a sense of betrayal appears to be a minority view in the administration.

More typical is the comment of a State Department official. He said the Saudis deserved some blame for recent setbacks but added: "It would be much more helpful if they were more direct in their public advocacy of what they believe in."

But the official added: "We don't find that the Saudis have played the role of spoiler or let us down badly."

He said the Saudis "almost never get out front on an issue", but the administration believed Riyadh would quietly play a positive role on the troop withdrawal.

"The Saudis are prepared to move the process forward," he said. He noted that they had said publicly they expected Syria to honour its pledges to remove its troops from Lebanon whenever the Lebanese government formally asked it to do so.

"They do share our interest and objective of helping to stabilise the situation and government of Lebanon," he said.

He said Syria was trying to polish and image that was tarnished by Israel's defeat of its air force over Lebanon last year, and it was under pressure from Moscow.

But he said neither the Syrians nor their Soviet backers "particularly like the situation in which they are nose-to-nose with the Israelis (in Lebanon)."

He added: "We don't think they are spoiling for a renewed conflict."

Lebanon agreement falls short of Israeli ambitions

By David Rogers
Reuters

JERUSALEM — Israel has signed the agreement to withdraw from Lebanon without accomplishing the most ambitious goals behind last year's invasion.

Eleven months ago when Israeli forces first camped outside Beirut, politicians spoke of establishing a new order in Lebanon and changing the political face of the Middle East.

With Syria holding a virtual veto over the agreement's implementation, it was doubtful today whether the accord would result in the army being brought home to a war-weary Israel.

There was no sign of jubilation but a widely-expressed relief that a step had been taken to try to recall the troops.

The divisions and non-stop,

sometimes anguished, debate which the Lebanon war created were reflected in the Knesset (parliament) Monday.

The withdrawal agreement was approved with less than half the Knesset voting in its favour. The majority was 57 to six with 45 abstentions.

A few government backbenchers nodded in agreement when former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of the opposition Labour Party said the war should have taught Israel a lesson.

Addressing Prime Minister Menachem Begin, he said: "You believed that through one good war we could force peace on the Arab World."

"I hope the lesson will be learned that the use of military power to achieve far-reaching political goals does not work... the failure is not only of the government. It is

all of us, of the state of Israel and it hurts and stings us."

One of the cabinet's most vocal members, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, has declared he would never have supported the extension of the war beyond South Lebanon had he known then how little it would achieve.

When Israel launched the invasion, Begin initially said its objectives were to drive Palestinian

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commandos about 45 kilometres back from the frontier and out of artillery range.

It was viewed by most Israelis as a justified operation to break the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as a fighting force in South Lebanon and guarantee the security of border townships which had been periodically hit by PLO

Katuysha rockets.

Urged on by former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, Israel went far beyond the 45 kilometre limit. The army blitzkrieg did not halt until Beirut was under siege.

For a brief period, some right-wingers were heralding it as the final Middle East war, a chance to stabilise Lebanon and create new conditions for a broader settlement in the region.

By extending the war, Israel eventually forced the PLO to evacuate its Beirut headquarters and disperse around the Arab World its commandos in the Lebanese capital.

It also delivered a heavy blow to the Syrian armed forces, who present the most serious Arab threat to the Zionist state.

But these gains have diminished, they say, because of the rapid Soviet rearming of Syrian forces which has brought long-

range SAM 5 anti-aircraft missiles into the Middle East arena for the first time.

The political aims of the extended Lebanon war, which many Israelis always considered too grandiose, slipped away after the assassination of Falangist leader Bashir Gemayel. Israel was cultivating him as an ally.

Lebanon has resisted Israeli pressure to become the second Middle East country — after Egypt — to sign a peace treaty and normalise relations with embassies in each capital.

Predictions of a trade boom and Israeli tourists basking in Lebanese mountain resorts evaporated months ago. The Lebanese, anxious not to upset Arab backers, have scaled down trade and no Israeli civilian can safely travel in Lebanon.

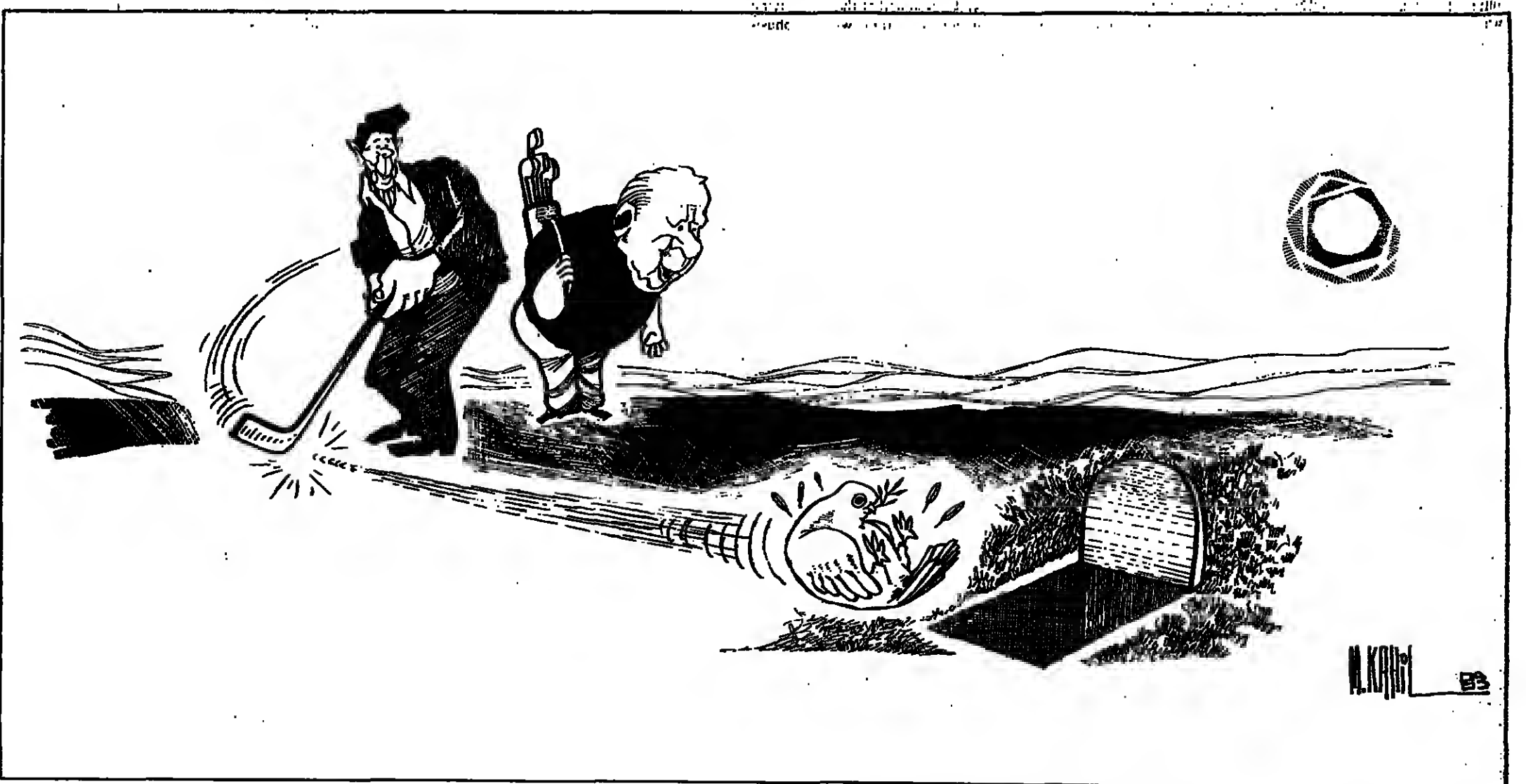
The Israeli government stresses

it has gained Lebanese recognition that there is no state of war with Israel, but acknowledges - it has made painful compromises.

Western diplomats talk of a more realistic Israeli appraisal since Moshe Arens took over as defence minister. Arens, who has been anxious to get the army home quickly, told the Knesset the agreement "perhaps will be a bridge to the Arab World."

His caution was in marked contrast to Sharon speeches last year which invoked the spectacle of a new era opening in Israel's relations with the Arabs, based on Israeli might.

The subdued mood in Israel chiefly stems from Syria's rejection of the withdrawal agreement. Israel has always said it cannot bring its soldiers home until Syrian forces and remaining Palestinian fighters also leave Lebanon.



French police condemned as 'CRS-SS'

By Victor Mallet
Reuters

PARIS — French police, who already suffer from a poor public image, are at the centre of a fierce controversy over the methods they have been using to quell the violent demonstrations of the past few weeks.

Reporters have seen riot police and leather-jacketed plainclothes officers clubbing down bystanders in the aftermath of student demonstrations against the Socialist government's education reforms.

Shopkeepers who witnessed the riots of May 1968 have expressed amazement at the recent sight of dozens of police motorcyclists, their pillion passengers armed with wooden clubs, roaring along the streets and pavements of central Paris in pursuit of stone-throwing protesters.

Opposition politicians, many of

whom defended the police against allegations of violence when the centre-right was in power in 1968, have condemned what they say is unnecessary brutality by the authorities.

Georges Mesmin, a Member of Parliament for the centrist UDF grouping, called for an official inquiry "into the intolerable police brutality used to suppress savagely the latest student demonstrations between May 5-12 in Paris."

Newspapers and some police union spokesmen have also criticised the conduct of policemen.

But the government and the Paris authorities have supported them. Interior Minister Gaston Defferre said they had fulfilled their difficult task with calm and courage.

Both the ruling French Socialists, who came to power in 1981 after 23 years out of government,

and the centre-right opposition are experiencing an ironic reversal of roles.

In recent French history it has generally been the left which has taken to the streets and condemned the police. This year the student demonstrators are mainly right-wingers supported by the opposition.

The situation has led some commentators to talk of "a May 1968 in reverse", although the present protests are much smaller and focus on specific objections rather than a desire to change society as a whole.

Eyewitnesses watching recent student portents say that trouble-makers stay behind to provoke the police after the bulk of the demonstrators have been dispersed by baton charges and volleys of teargas.

On some occasions cin-

emagoers, tourists, press photographers or journalists have been elbowed or threatened by police while the trouble-makers escape down side-streets.

The exact number of innocent people injured is not known but some have been taken away in ambulances.

The police say they face a dangerous and difficult task. Some 100 policemen were hurt in Paris on the night of May 5, the worst street disorders in the capital since 1968.

Demonstrators throughout France have burnt barricades and thrown bottles, paving stones and petrol bombs at the police in the past few weeks.

But French press critics say that many police actions are poorly coordinated and appear to lack discipline, despite radio contact with headquarters.

One problem is that there are three forces operating in Paris, all of them under the orders of the central prefecture. They are the Civil Police Nationale, the paramilitary gendarmerie mobile and the specialised riot police the Compagnie Republique de Securite (CRS).

They often face open hostility from bystanders and shopkeepers, who shout insults and have been dropped buckets of water over them from apartments, eyewitnesses say.

The CRS in particular have long had a poor reputation among Frenchmen, particularly after alleged brutality in the 1968 riots.

A common cry this year and in May 1968 has been "CRS-SS", a reference to Germany's Nazi elite corps under Adolf Hitler. This time they have also been insulted by middle-class law students as

defenders of the governing alliance of Socialists and Communists.

Police actions on the night of May 11, when hundreds of youths burnt barricades in the Saint-Michel area of Paris, have come under heavy fire from newspapers of left and right who said the police hit out blindly at passers-by as well as protesters.

In reply, police union spokesman Alain Parmentier, deputy chief of the Syndicate National Independent et Professionnel, said the CRS had behaved itself... "but that has not always been true of the squads of mobile gendarmes or the civil police units."

One union spokesman said that orders came too slowly, while another said that instructions to clear the streets as quickly as possible had probably encouraged aggression.

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WEST BANK REPORTS: Campaign to mislead tourists

By Andrew Gilmour
Special to the Jordan Times

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — "Can you tell me how I can get from here to Gaza?"

The man at the government tourist office in Jerusalem eyed me with hostility.

"There is no way," he said. "No way? Are you sure?"

"You don't have to believe me if you don't want to."

"But surely some people want to go from Jerusalem to Gaza?"

"Yes, there's an Arab bus."

"Thank you," I said, "that was what I was asking."

"You don't want to go on that. There's a big risk involved."

Yet even this conversation was nothing compared to what I heard from a Canadian visitor. He had been told by an Israeli tourist official that there was nothing of interest to see in the Old City of Jerusalem. He had mumbled something about the Dome of the Rock and the Via Dolorosa. "Vastly overrated," the official had interposed.

It appears there is a definite campaign to discourage tourists from visiting Arab sights. It is not hard to guess why. The Israelis would like to have tourists believe that they are visiting a Jewish country with predominantly Jewish traditions and culture. If the tourist often came across examples of Arab heritage and present-day Arab problems then that myth would be partly dispelled.

The Israeli craving to establish

what they can call a distinctive culture is blatant and often annoying. Even homages and arak are frequently claimed to be Israeli in origin. People are proud that the only language they can speak is Hebrew. This is carried to ludicrous lengths when, for instance, you ask a man who has been born and bred in America to tell you how to get somewhere, only for him to answer that he cannot speak any English.

Similarly, Israel's fundamental insecurity, about which we hear so much, clearly lead to a need for self-congratulation. This is apparent from Begin's frequently uttered praises and honouring of the Israeli army, the inordinate number of streets named after Israeli heroes, and the burnt-out remains of Arab tanks standing by the roadside with plaques reading: "Here 15 Israeli soldiers gallantly held off superior numbers of advancing Arab armies in 1967."

Reflecting the growing concern at the deterioration of Israel's international image, one Israeli soldier actually admitted that orders had been received to be particularly pleasant to tourists. At a military check-point in the West Bank, all the Arab men are taken out of the bus and lined up against the wall, while the tourist is given profuse apologies and best wishes for a pleasant journey. This is also the case on crossing the King Hussein Bridge.

The pedantry of the Israeli pre-

cautions (such as requiring all cameras to take one exposure towards the ceiling) is accompanied by jokes and explanations. The Arab traveller, on the other hand, is interrogated coldly and thoroughly. "Welcome to Israel" says the almost naively provocative sign, on a piece of land which not one other country in the world recognises as being part of Israel.

It is surprising that a country with artistic talent such as is reflected in writers like Amos Oz and musicians like Itzhak Perlman should produce architecture which can only be classed among the ugliest in the world. This is particularly the case in the West Bank, leading almost to the impression that the effect of unnecessary hideousness is achieved for the sake of additional provocation.

One cannot help but have a grudging respect for the Israeli propaganda machine, when compared to the dismal failure of the Arabs in this field. I could not believe my ears when I was told by a European girl that the Jordanians lived in a situation of continual tribal warfare, vendetta and pillage. I told her that I had seen very little evidence for what she said, and suggested that she should visit Jordan and see for herself. "I don't have to," was her reply. "I was told this by some Israeli officers who know."

Near the Jaffa Gate is a place



The Via Dolorosa in the Old City: "Vastly overrated" said the Israeli tourist official

where a multi-screen slide show can be seen on the subject of Jerusalem's history. It ends with the

words, "And now Jerusalem is united under the nation which gave it greatness". The tourists

transfixed by the pictures and the music, will go out not doubting for a moment this historical nonsense.

Gaza cultural centre aims to halt erosion of identity

GAZA — Stretching more than three miles from Gaza's city centre to the seafarers runs the busy street of Omar El Muktar. Two thirds of the way down, past a pedestal on which a statue of Nasser once stood before the Israelis looted it off, past the headquarters of the military government, stands the immensely imposing and virtually completed Cultural Centre.

The victims of a long series of foreign occupations, and forbidden to express sentiments reflecting any awareness of their identity, least such sentiments are construed as insurrection, the Palestinians of the Gaza Strip are finding their traditions and culture being rapidly and comprehensively eroded. An outlook has been formed which views the future in a negative and fatalistic way.

The purpose of the Cultural Centre at Gaza is, in the words of a foreign expert involved, "to act as

a focus by which the Palestinian people might be able to direct their efforts to rebuild, retain and enhance their status as a people rich in culture, history and tradition."

The centre will be a highly visible and functional symbol of national pride. Integral to this theme is the encouraging of creative ways of promoting cross-cultural relations between Palestinians and peoples of all nations. Even in the pre-occupation stages of the building, extensive interest from other countries provided vital encouragement and solidarity, the training or provision of personnel, and also financial and material aid. The centre will offer the means by which people could find support to implement projects of any form that will be of benefit to the community.

The Cultural Centre of Gaza has been built at the instigation and under the direction of the Benevolent Society for Relieving

the Inhabitants of the Gaza Strip. The society was established in 1974 by Mr. Rashad Shawa who, before he was deposed by the Israelis last year, was Mayor of Gaza. A committee has been formed to oversee the running of the centre. It consists of a representative sample of the most forward-thinking people of Gaza — old and young, male and female, refugee and non-refugee.

The centre will be active on three levels. On the ground floor, a complex of partitions and doors will allow the whole area to cater for either large gatherings of several thousand or for very small groups. There is also a combination of excellent acoustics, lighting and back-stage facilities. On the upper level, a library with shelf space for several 60,000 books, is aimed at those receiving higher education, with emphasis on science and technology. It is widely accepted that education is one of the most effective weapons

still left to the Palestinians. Although it can be interfered with, it cannot be forcibly taken away, unlike land or property. But because of Gaza's isolation and state of continual political turmoil, facilities for further education are not so good. The general view is that UNRWA does a good job in coping with the problem at lower levels and with some vocational training. But for higher levels to be attained it is necessary to leave the area completely. The library, specialised classrooms and exhibition spaces, will help with this problem.

Underneath the centre is located a highly sophisticated and well-planned printroom. It contains several varieties of German Heidelberg machines, a system of British computerised typesetting equipment, and a Japanese photographic and platemaking apparatus. A permit for a much-needed local newspaper was acquired some time ago, and is still

valid. There are two reasons why so much attention and resources have been invested in the printroom. First, the dissemination of information and the enhancement of culture is impossible in any modern society without access to the medium of print. Secondly, it is hoped that the printroom can be run as a commercial venture, which will effectively allow the centre to become eventually a self-perpetuating unit, independent of outside help, and having the capacity for continual expansion.

Last March 22, an international tribunal on Israel's invasion of Lebanon said that the Israeli government committed acts of war which "taken together constitute a form of genocide, not in the sense that they aim for the death of every Palestinian, but that they form a project to annihilate the very notion of a Palestinian people". Nowhere is this more true than in Gaza. It took under four

years for General Sharon to "clean up" and break the spirit of the Gaza Strip. No-one could deny that he did this extremely effectively. The function of the Cultural Centre is to revive that spirit while it is still within the bounds of possibility.

"At its best," said a member of the staff, "the centre can provide the Gaza Strip with a magnificent symbol of national pride and potential achievement. At its worst, its angular concrete lines, contrasting with the soft curves of its imposing domed roof, provide inside, among green plants and polished stone floors, a much needed relief from the harsh realities of Gaza life, which are perhaps aptly reflected outdoors by an imposing array of tinted windows and glasswork."

"The people of Gaza," he concluded, "deserve this centre and more."

Randa Habib's CORNER

Wayward water bills

People around me claim (with some justification) that since the Water Authority started using a computer for invoicing, the invoices are crazier each time.

A friend of mine called me to say that he had received the water invoice for his office — a total of JD 790, not for the whole year but for three months. At first he was not even alarmed because he thought that it was a mistake in the decimal point. JD 7.90 would be more like it, as there were only six employees in his office and the water consumption was minimal. Armed with the firm conviction that it was a typing error our friend went to the water authority department where he was told: "Your invoice is correct. You have to pay."

Despite logic and common sense our friend could not convince anybody. "Pay or we will be compelled to cut your water..." he was told. He then did two things: he had his water pipes tested to check if there was any leakage (there wasn't), and then as a comparison he asked a big hotel in Amman about their water invoices and found out that they were approximately JD 350 for three months — half as much as his own invoice.

Having those two strong arguments, he then went back to the Water Authority where he was faced with the same threat: "Pay or we will cut your water."

My friend chose this last alternative. He discovered that it will be cheaper as well as healthier to use mineral water in his office.

Banks on our backs

By Fahd Fanek

Several years ago the door was wide open for the licensing of new commercial banks in Jordan. Accordingly more foreign banks were permitted to open branches in Amman, and new Jordanian banking companies were also authorised, with the majority of the promoters being non-Jordanian Arabs.

Four years ago the door was closed to newcomers. The reasoning was that we have enough banks, and that from now on we should concentrate on the quality of the service and the efficiency of the management, instead of starting yet more banks.

As a matter of fact, the Central Bank of Jordan is not finally committed to a closed or open-door policy on licensing newcomers. Everything is possible depending on the circumstances.

It is crucial to have a definite and coherent policy in this respect; we either believe in competition and open the door to more banks, or we protect the present banks from new competitors, in which case we should announce the closure of the door and at the same time abolish all concessions and exemptions that our banks enjoy now.

There are Jordanian investors who are ready and willing to establish new banks which will be committed to pay 50 per cent of their net profits in income tax without any reductions or exemptions of any kind. There is no justification in rejecting such banks for the sake of protecting the present banks, while at the same time allowing generous concessions to these protected banks.

If the present banks want to stay alone in the market, they should be required to give up all tax advantages.

Commercial banks in Jordan are making around 50 per cent return on their paid-up capital, and paying only around 15 per cent of their net profits in income tax. At the same time manufacturing companies, which deserve more protection, encouragement and support, are making half those profits and paying double the taxes.

This is unfair by any standards. Our banking system is riding on the back of the national economy, and lawfully taking advantage of the Treasury. It must get off our backs, either through reform of the laws or through open-door competition.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* "Most Ancient Jordan: The Past Half-Million Years" at the American Centre.

* "French Contributions to Jordanian Archaeology" at the French Cultural Centre.

LECTURE

* Naim Shihab Nayer will be delivering a lecture on "Poetry of the Desert, poetry about people — personal history in poetry" at 6:30 p.m. at the American Centre.

FILM

* "La du Tala", in Spanish without subtitles, at 4:00 p.m. at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

CHURCHES

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SPORTS

FIFA looks set to choose Mexico

STOCKHOLM (R) — Mexico, financially frail but soccer-wise, seem certain to stage the 1986 World Cup finals when the venue is decided here on Friday.

The International Football Federation (FIFA) executive committee must choose whether Mexico, the United States or Canada should be the new hosts, replacing Colombia, the original choice in 1974, who pulled out for financial reasons last October.

Canada's prospects are generally regarded as slim and the battle between Mexico and the United States to land the finals, which generate more money than even the Olympics, has been fought with mounting intensity.

Both countries have the backing of their presidents and the United States will also have their most famous soccer fan, Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, pressing their case in Stockholm.

A special FIFA sub-committee set up to examine the three candidates' claims, concluded on March 31 that Mexico, with huge financial problems but with the experience of staging the 1970 finals and other major soccer events, should get them again.

Incensed reaction quickly followed from the United States and Canada, who were particularly aggrieved by the committee's decision to visit Mexico and not them.

The committee, chaired by Hermann Neuburger of West Germany, explained that only Mexico had met the conditions laid down. Canada had offered only nine stadiums, three fewer than required, and "the travel distances on the North American continent represent a hardly surmountable problem."

Werner Fieker, Vice-President of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), rushed off a telex to FIFA which said: "The decision not to visit the United States as prescribed by FIFA rules and regulations is unacceptable."

Howard Samuels, President of the North American Soccer League (NASL), said he was outraged and added the decision to pursue only Mexico's claim was "an insult not only to the soccer federations of both countries (the United States and Canada) but also to President Reagan and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau."

Meanwhile rumours and theories have abounded about reasons behind the special committee's decision to restrict their

recommendation to Mexico.

Some regard the whole affair as FIFA's revenge on the United States for clumsy handling of the 1984 Olympic soccer tournament and the NASL's attempts in former years to tinker with the rules of the game.

Elsewhere there have been dark mutterings about FIFA links with Televisa, the Mexican television network who would almost certainly win the highly profitable host nation's broadcasting contract if Mexico did become the first country to stage the finals a second time.

Whatever the hidden reasons, if any, the United States have mounted a concerted campaign against the special committee's recommendation and with Canada unable to match their effort, Friday's decision is widely seen as a straight choice between Mexico and the Americans.

Kissinger, chairman of the U.S. World Cup Organising Committee, insists he will not be looking for confrontation in Stockholm but said at a news conference on Monday he wanted FIFA to delay their decision until after the U.S. facilities had been inspected.

Signs that Mexico fear Kissinger and his team, which includes former West German captain Franz Beckenbauer and the great Brazilian player Pele, might prevail, emerged last week when a spokesman for the Mexican Soccer Federation said they would be watching for American attempts at political pressure.

The spokesman also raised doubt Kissinger's credentials to deal with FIFA. "FIFA recognises the presidents of the federations. He (Kissinger) doesn't represent football in his country," the spokesman said.

On the financial question, the Mexicans like to take a positive view. They assert that it would be an ideal tonic for an ailing economy to put on a 24-team tournament that might attract as many as six million visitors who would spend at least \$600 million.

Most observers believe Mexico will hold out to become the victorious candidates. The general view is that there is too little time left to extend the bargaining, the United States still wield only limited influence in the soccer world and ultimately the Americans will be unable to counter-balance the weight of the special committee's recommendation.

Soviets draw with Austria in European soccer warm-up

VIENNA (R) — The Soviet Union warmed-up for Sunday's European Soccer Championship Group two clash against Poland with a 2-2 draw against Austria in a friendly here Tuesday night.

The Russians looked set to roast their opponents in the stifling conditions but Austrian doggedness paid off in the 29th minute when Felix Gasselich collected a fierce rebound from Hans Krankl and struck a left-footed shot past goalkeeper Dassajew from the edge of the penalty area.

A long ball to winger Ognessjan Rodionov who lobbed over the fast approaching figure of Friedl Koncilia, making his 70th appearance in goal for Austria, soon levelled the score.

Striker Oleg Blochin, playing with two stitches in his leg from a gash while training last Sunday, had his courage rewarded when he put the Russians ahead in the second half, but Bruno Pezzy clobbered the equaliser seconds before time.

Lattek's chances of becoming Bayern's manager increase

MUNICH, West Germany (R) — Udo Lattek, the West German soccer coach sacked by Barcelona earlier this year, looks increasingly likely to become Bayern Munich manager for the second time.

"He (Lattek) is my favourite. He is a big name, is available and most importantly he has said money is no object," the club's financial director, Fritz Scherer, said Wednesday.

Hungarian Pal Csernai, sacked as team boss by Bayern on Monday, was reported to be paid an annual salary of around 240,000 marks (\$100,000) and Scherer, with club debts of around five million marks (\$2 million), will not wish to stretch Bayern's finances to accommodate a big name.

Lattek ran the team during the early 1970s when they won three Bundesliga titles and the European Cup twice.

Dieter Schatzschneider, the unlikely soccer superstar

BONN (R) — He's a second division centre-forward who admits he cannot head a ball well. He smokes, drinks and confesses to a deep distaste for training.

But this most unlikely of sportsmen looks set to become West Germany's next soccer superstar -- and tie the tongues of scores of foreign radio and TV commentators in knots.

His name is Dieter Schatzschneider, he's scored more than 30 goals this season and he could become the deadliest marksman the country has produced since the legendary Gerd 'Bomber' Mueller.

Though he's 25 this month Schatzschneider has yet to play at first division level, an omission to be corrected next season when he replaces international striker Horst Hrubesch to lead the line for champions Hamburg.

His goal-grabbing talents set off a transfer race involving at least six first division clubs last spring, more than a year before his contract with second division Hannover 96 had run out. Hamburg's 1.2 million mark (\$500,000) offer proved the winning bid.

He had one more year of his contract with Hannover still to run,

but financial problems persuaded the club to loan him to Fortuna Cologne halfway through the season.

The extrovert Schatzschneider has disappointed no-one except his opponents this season with 26 league goals for his two clubs. His cup goals took unfancied Fortuna to a date with first division neighbours Cologne in June's West German Cup final.

Fortuna brushed aside two first division clubs -- Eintracht Brunswick and Borussia Moenchengladbach -- before a sensational 5-0 semifinal win against a third, Borussia Dortmund.

Schatzschnider scored five goals against the teams from the upper flight, a feat which shows he should have no problem in stepping into Hrubesch's boots when he joins Hamburg.

Though built on the same brawny lines as Hrubesch -- he's 1.87 metres (six feet one inch) tall and weighs 88 kilos (193.5 pounds) -- Schatzschneider is a different style of player.

While Hrubesch relies primarily on his physique and his formidable heading ability, Schatzschneider has something of Mueller's uncanny feel for scoring positions, unusually quick reflexes for a tall

player and a rasping and accurate shot.

He admits that heading is his biggest weakness though he says he has improved since joining Fortuna.

Critics say he does nothing on the field except score goals -- an accusation often levelled against Mueller -- but that has not stopped press clamour for national team chief Jupp Derwall to select him for the full West German team.

Schatzschnider has already made the West German Olympic team -- virtually the national 'B' side since rule changes on amateur status -- and scored both their goals in a 2-2 friendly with Eintracht Frankfurt.

The self-confident Schatzschneider has two ambitions -- to play for the full national side, a goal nearer fulfillment once he is established in the first division, and to become a Hamburg idol in the mould of the sixties star Uwe Seeler.

But his dislike of training may involve him in problems when he joins the highly professional Hamburg squad. He prefers to stick to shooting practice while other players go off on cross-country runs.

Gatting likely to fill Foster's place in English F.A. Cup final

LONDON (R) — Steve Foster and Steve Gatting are as different as chalk and cheese.

Foster, a big man in every sense of the word, is a bit of showman. He likes nothing better than to be in the limelight, barking out encouragement and involving himself in heated exchanges with referees.

Gatting, smaller and much lighter, is one of the quiet men of the Brighton side-the sort of player who rarely gets himself noticed. But he is no less an important cog in the Brighton machine.

Versatility is one of the strengths of Gatting's game and that quality is likely to be used by manager Jimmy Melia who he names his side for the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup final against Manchester United on Saturday.

Melia is expected to ask Gatting, normally a midfielder, to fill the central defensive role for which Foster would have been an automatic choice had he not been suspended.

Foster's fight to play in the shopworn of the English season went as far as the high court on Monday, the court upholding a two-match ban which resulted from a booking in a League match last month.

Though he shuns the limelight, Gatting's battle to contain United's twin central strikers Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside, both internationalists, is bound to be one of the most absorbing contests of the day.

Whiteside, an 18-year-old with prodigious talent, and Stapleton, on his day one of the best strikers

in the English League, have both shown outstanding form recently. But England coach Don Howe, who coached Gatting when he was at Arsenal, has no doubts about his ability to tackle the sweeper's role.

"I always felt that Gatting's best position was central defence, playing off the big centre half," Howe said. "He tackles with so much determination and he's so good in the air they used to call him Bobby Moore (England's 1966 World Cup winning captain) when he first arrived at Brighton."

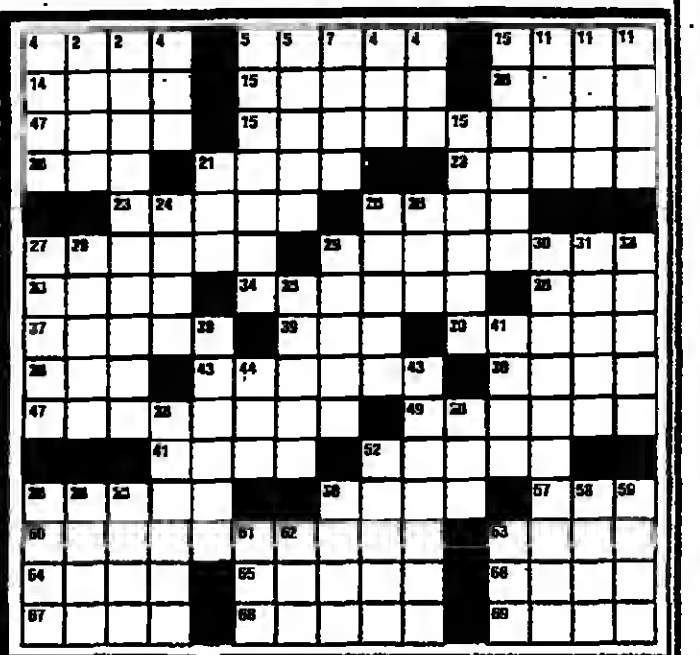
Melia's Manchester United counterpart, Ron Atkinson, has also had his plans for the final upset by the suspension of midfielder Remi Moses.

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Italian Open champion defeated

ROME (R) — Defending champion Andres Gomez of Ecuador was upset 6-2, 6-3 by 18-year-old Frenchman Guy Forget in the second round of the Italian Men's Open Tennis Championship Wednesday.

Forget, who ended a run of eight successive tournament defeats with his first-round win over Chile's Jaime Fillo, took the first set surprisingly easily and then

without Gomez's attempts to unsettle him with net-rushing tactics in the second.

Forget later attributed his success to a change of attitude rather than a change of style.

"I was just wrong in my head, I was getting worried before," he told reporters.

"I was so pleased to have finally won again (against Fillo) that I was very relaxed."

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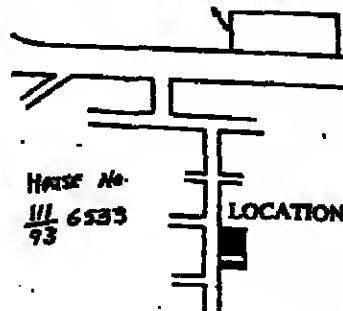
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BIS discontinues bridging loans

BRUSSELS (R) — The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) will grant no more bridging loans to countries seeking short-term funds while they sort out their debt problems, European central bankers said Tuesday.

In the past 10 months the Basel-based BIS has loaned nearly \$5 billion to six indebted nations.

BIS central bankers attending an international monetary conference organized here by the American Bankers' Association said these loans had threatened to change the nature of the BIS.

U.S. and European commercial bankers at the conference said a

refusal by the BIS to continue its bridging role, which was designed to help agreement on a readjustment programme between the IMF and debtor countries, could place increasing strains on commercial bank lending, which was fast approaching acceptable limits.

Independent investment adviser Mr. James Wolfensohn, formerly of Salomon Brothers, told journalists at the conference that if the BIS declined to countenance any new bridging loans the problems of sovereign borrowers would have to be solved case-by-case from expanded IMF funds and through continued bank financing.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities closed higher with thin conditions tending to exaggerate price movements, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 9.7 at 685.3.

P and O featured with a gain of 22p at 186 having touched a high of 189 following press speculation of a possible bid by Trafalgar House which closed 10p off at 172.

ICI was up 46p, Plessey added 15p to 649 ahead of results next week and Beecham was also 15p up at 395.

Gold shares closed off best levels in slack trading and North American stocks were mixed, dealers said.

Government bonds drifted easier from a firmer opening in featureless trade leaving net falls of around 1/4 to 1/2 point, dealers said.

B.P. firmed 8p to 382 in slightly firmer oils and Shell rose 2p ahead of Thursday's first quarter figures. Lloyds Bank added 10p to 538 still drawing strength from Tuesday's interim results from Lloyds Bank International.

Insurances were narrowly higher but Sun Alliance was unchanged at 1,175p despite estimated higher first quarter profits, dealers said.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.5615/25	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2911/14	Canadian dollars
	2.4590/4600	West German marks
	2.7645/55	Dutch guilders
	2.0460/80	Swiss francs
	49.10/14	Belgian francs
	7.4060/90	French francs
	1463.00/1464.00	Italian lire
	232.65/80	Japanese yen
	7.4850/70	Swedish crowns
	7.1050/70	Norwegian crowns
	8.7600/25	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	441.75/442.75	U.S. dollars

NEWS IN BRIEF

Oman refuses to increase loan

BAHRAIN (R) — The Sultanate of Oman has decided not to increase a planned international loan from an original \$300 million, banking sources here said Wednesday. Oman had been asked if it wanted to take up a bigger amount after strong market response, the sources said.

Warsaw adds carpets to ration list

WARSAW (R) — Carpets have become the latest item on the ration list in Warsaw and other domestic goods such as refrigerators and televisions could follow, the official news agency reported Wednesday. The rationing of certain industrial goods has been in force in some cities already but has only recently been introduced into the capital. There has been widespread and increased black market dealing in these goods, PAP said.

Dome Petroleum reports profit

CALGARY, Alberta (R) — Dome Petroleum Tuesday reported a small profit in the first quarter of 1983, its first since late 1981. Canada's debt-laden oil giant posted a profit of 7.2 million Canadian dollars (\$5.85 million) on revenues of 679.5 million Canadian dollars (\$549 million) in the first three months of this year. Dome's stock has been rising recently in very active trading on the Toronto and American stock exchanges on rumours that it is on the brink of recovery.

U.K. industrial output falls

LONDON (R) — Official figures published Tuesday marked a drop in Britain's industrial output during March casting doubt on the ruling Conservative Party's pre-election claims of economic recovery. The Central Statistical Office said output slipped by 0.9 per cent between February and March, compared with increases totalling more than three per cent in the previous three months. Manufacturing output in March was 0.5 per cent down on a year ago, the figures showed.

Brazil pays \$12.6b debt interest

BRASILIA (R) — Brazil paid a total of \$12.6 billion in interest on its foreign debt in 1982, an average of almost \$35 million a day, according to a central bank annual report published Tuesday. This compares with \$10.3 billion the previous year. Brazil's current account deficit leapt to \$16.3 billion over last year from \$10.6 billion in 1981, while reserves dropped to \$3.99 billion from \$7.51 billion.

Indonesia suffers huge deficit

JAKARTA (OPECNA) — Declining export revenues and increased costs of imports and services led to a \$6.8 billion deficit in Indonesia's current account during the 1982-83 fiscal year ending last March, Mr. Radius Priawiro, minister of finance, said here Tuesday. He said the country's export earnings during the period was estimated at \$19.1 billion, \$4.5 billion down from the \$23.6 billion netted during the previous 12 months.

Mexico meets IMF targets

NEW YORK (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has informed Mexico that its economic performance in the first quarter of 1983 was in line with targets set in its agreement with the IMF, Citibank Senior Vice-President William Rhodes said Tuesday.

Inflation jumps sharply in France

PARIS (R) — The French government had mixed economic news Tuesday with a 10,000 fall in unemployment last month but a sharp rise in inflation. Inflation rose by a provisional 1.4 per cent in April after a 0.9 per cent rise in March, the government statistics institute said. Economists put the annual inflation rate at 9.2 per cent compared with nine per cent in March.

Reagan opposes singling out grain as economic weapon

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, responding to the Soviet Union's acceptance of his offer to negotiate a new, long-term grain deal, said he had long opposed singling out grain as an economic weapon.

He denied at a White House news conference Tuesday night that his efforts to regain a greater share of the lucrative Soviet grain import market was aimed at boosting his political standing with financially troubled U.S. farmers. "I had always disagreed with using grain as a single economic weapon," Mr. Reagan said. He

noted that soon after taking office he lifted the 1980 grain embargo imposed by Mr. Carter after the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan. Administration officials have pledged that any future embargo would cover all trade instead of singling out grain.

Mr. Reagan said negotiations on a new grain pact with Moscow would help restore the U.S. reputation in the rest of the world as a dependable supplier.

Kremlin leaders on Monday accepted Reagan's offer to resume grain talks, suspended 16 months

ago following the imposition of martial law in Poland.

Mr. Reagan said a grain deal would benefit the U.S. as much as Moscow. The United States has huge grain stockpiles, while the Soviet Union is the world's biggest grain buyer.

He said the Soviet Union paid cash for its massive grain imports, which left less money available for Moscow's military build-up.

He denied the U.S. would offer the Kremlin any credit deals. U.S. law prohibits granting credit to any nation with restrictive emigration policies.

Mr. Reagan also said the United States and its allies had settled most of their differences on East-West trade.

"The only problems we had were subsidised credit and trade that was going on in which the Soviet Union was being allowed to purchase at below-market value," he said.

He drew a distinction between the American grain sales and the Soviet Union's natural gas pipeline, for which he had tried to block bar sales of U.S. technology and equipment, setting off a major squabble with the Europeans last year.

He said Tuesday night the European nations could become dependent on the natural gas and that it provides the Soviet Union with much-needed hard currency while Moscow must pay out cash for the grain.

Hong Kong dollar falls to record low

HONG KONG (R) — The Hong Kong dollar fell to a record low of more than seven to the U.S. dollar for the first time Wednesday, reflecting continuing worries about the British colony's long-term future.

Dealers said that the local currency could be expected to slide further now that it had breached the psychologically important level of seven to the American dollar.

Traders attributed Wednesday's decline to 7.0030 from 6.9715 Tuesday to the purchase late in the day of a large number of U.S. dollars by one buyer as well as worries over the future.

Most of Hong Kong is leased from China under treaties expiring in 14 years. Peking has reaffirmed its intention of regaining formal sovereignty.

The previous low of 6.98 to the U.S. dollar was set last October when the colony's financial markets plummeted in reaction to an inconclusive visit to Peking by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Continuing uncertainty over the

future has encouraged a flow of money into other currencies despite efforts by the government to boost confidence.

"Be patient, believe in Hong Kong and keep your nerve," the governor, Sir Edward Youde, told the colony's five million people earlier this month.

He spoke after another decline in the currency that led banks here to raise interest rates in hopes of making the local dollar a more attractive investment.

Dealers said the government could intervene in only a limited way on currency markets because it had few resources.

But they noted some intervention Wednesday morning after trading began at 6.9885 to the U.S. dollar. This steadied the market, but the local dollar fell again late in the day, they said.

The Hong Kong dollar's trade-weighted index meanwhile showed that currency has lost more than a quarter of its value since 1981. The index, a measure against 15 major currencies, fell below 75 for the first time and stood at 74.9 late Wednesday.

Japan eases market access for exporters

TOKYO (R) — The Japanese parliament passed a bill Wednesday to eliminate discrimination against foreign manufacturers in marketing their finished goods in the Japanese market.

The bill, an attempt to ease conflict between Japan and its trading partners, cuts down Japan's lengthy and complicated testing procedures, which the U.S. and West Europe says operates as a discriminatory non-tariff barrier.

After pressure from the U.S. and the European community, two of its largest trading partners, Japan announced measures last March to make it easier for foreign exporters to sell in the Japanese

market. A spokesman for Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said Wednesday's bill endorsed those measures.

The 16 legal amendments would take effect soon, he said, and foreign manufacturers would then be treated as equal to domestic producers in almost all areas of finished goods sales.

Foreign producers will be allowed to apply directly to Japanese authorities for authorization to sell in Japan, whereas most were previously required to go through agents, the spokesman added.

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris

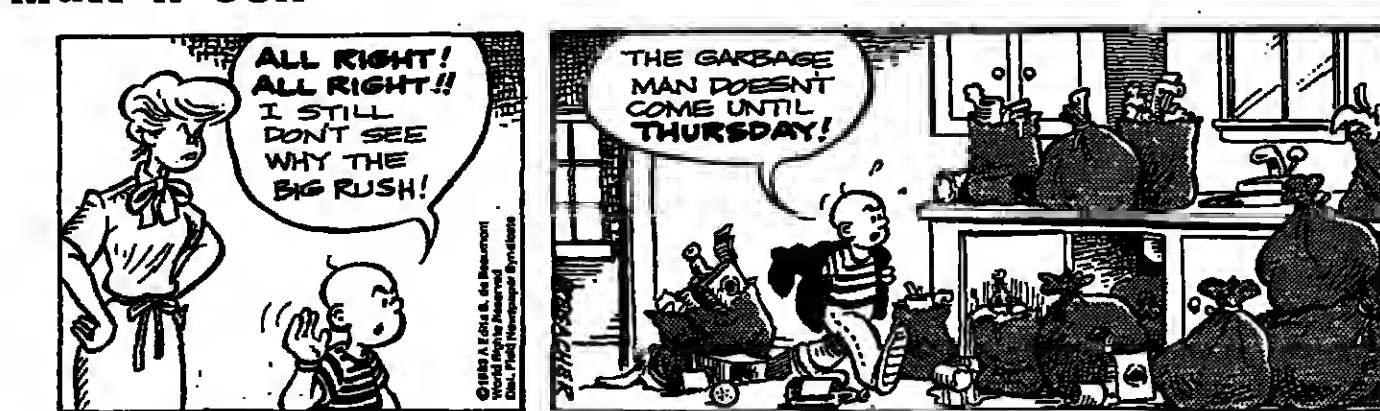


"We're trying to cut down on cholesterol. I gave up pork and Stanley quit chewing the fat with his barber."

Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here: THE

Yesterday's Jumble: BATHE POUND ELEVEN SYLVAN
Answer: What he said when the psychiatrist asked whether he had trouble making up his mind—"YES AND NO"

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Get out from under difficult problems through the use of tact and diplomacy. Analyze and systematize your activities. Do not get upset when details don't work out.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) There is an opportunity for you to make progress via an older person or some legal affair. Your schedule changes.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Getting your work done in the morning leaves time for some entertainment you like. Don't be snappy with loved one.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Your loved one can give you good advice in the morning, but tonight the situation at home requires tact and patience.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You may receive a letter from a friend which brings you benefits. Come to the right decisions.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Older individuals are very cooperative, but money matters bore you, so forget them for a while. Finish tasks at hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Handle those financial affairs about which you have procrastinated for some time. Get out and see someone you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Gain that desire that means so much to you. You have difficulty getting your ideas across to others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Forget that friend who is erratic and could spoil your day. Don't be pushy in personal matters as it's detrimental.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid someone in authority who is irate today. Some new contact has information you need, so get it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Show loved one you are steadfast and loyal. Avoid a stranger whose ideas are radically different from your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You gain an unexpected benefit in the morning, so get your bills paid this evening. Carry through on good ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't tax the patience of a loved one. You can accomplish a great deal during the day, but relax this evening.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... be or be will get much data from those who are experienced. Teach early in life to the importance of being successful. A more understanding attitude of others will be acquired. Give good religious training to stay on right track.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is the day to get every single detail of your life worked out. A planetary aspect will aid you to do this with less than usual effort. Be sure to take advantage of this.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Do your work precisely today. A talk with a co-worker can be beneficial to you. Relax in the evening and pamper yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Improve your charm by a visit to the beauty salon or barber shop. Get your wardrobe in better order also.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Concentrate on improving harmony in your home. Don't neglect to handle any important business affairs.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Handling communications well brings fine results. Do any shopping that is needed. Visit friends.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Concentrate on monetary matters for more security in the future. Plan your business affairs more intelligently.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Listen to suggestions of a clever friend. Take exercise or other treatment to improve your state of health and appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is a good day for your neat touch and perfect finish at work. Be more exact with the one you love for an improved relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contact a friend for the help you need. Also do something to help in return. Socialize at home this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Certain facets of your career need attention today. Get into community work so you can profit from it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study more modern ways of operating so that you gain maximum profit in the future. Make interesting new contacts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Gain advice you need at this time by contacting experts in your field. Follow suggestions of a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make sure you have a clear understanding of every part of any agreements. Do something interesting in the evening.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have a penchant for being precise in every detail. Direct education along lines for which this quality will be a prerequisite. Your progeny will be ideal for New Age professions such as electronics. Stress religion.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

WORLD

'Foreign contacts, instigations' suspected Army puts down mutiny among Sudanese troops

KHARTOUM (R) — The Sudanese army has put down a mutiny among troops in southern Sudan, the army command said Wednesday.

The announcement said the mutiny broke out last Sunday in a battalion of the first division of the southern region. It gave no immediate details of casualties.

Signs of unrest have recently re-emerged in southern Sudan after several years of quiet. The south fought a 17-year civil war up until 1972 against the rule of the north.

Wednesday's army announcement said: "Signs of indiscipline were noticed among the battalions in the past few months in addition to remarkable financial irregularities."

"But we restored to wisdom and tolerance and tried to tackle the situation with an authentic national spirit aimed at preserving the integrity and security of the country," it added.

The announcement said the troops' behaviour was because of "foreign contacts and instigations."

The authorities watched and monitored closely until the situation in a company of the disaffected battalion "reached the stage of disobeying orders," the statement said.

"When decisive measures became imperative in order to maintain the unity of the country and discipline and prestige of the armed forces the army staged successful military operations on pos-

sitions of the company in Bor and Jibor in Jonglei Province."

The army captured "huge amounts" of arms and ammunition in Bor, the statement said.

The captured arms were from abroad, the statement said. It added: "This indicated that something was being plotted against Sudan's unity and security as part of a hostile criminal act against the Sudan."

The announcement did not identify the source of arms or the foreign contacts. Sudan has repeatedly accused Libya of trying to sow unrest in the southern region.

Last February, Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri accused Libya of plotting to parachute insurgents into Khartoum to overthrow the government.

British woman denies she covered up for Soviet spy

LONDON (R) — Dorothea Barsby, a London woman who has been in hiding since she was officially linked to a major spy case last week, met reporters Tuesday night and denied she had covered up for convicted Soviet agent Geoffrey Prime.

Prime, a translator employed in electronic eavesdropping on the Soviet Union, named Barsby as a reference when British intelligence gave him a routine security check. A government commission said on Friday that she knew nine years ago that Prime was a spy but had not told.

Prime's spying activities were detected last year as an accidental consequence of investigations into sex crimes. He was sentenced to 35 years in prison for espionage which the government says caused extremely grave damage to British security.

Barsby, a 34-year-old former personnel officer who stood as a Conservative candidate in local elections a few days before the report was published, told a news conference at her lawyer's office that it had tried to make her a scapegoat for the failure of the security services to catch Prime sooner.

Thatcher to take time off from election campaign

LONDON (R) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has decided to take time off from Britain's general election campaign for a flying visit to the Williamsburg, Virginia, economic summit at the peak of her re-election drive.

The seven-nation Western summit will keep Mrs. Thatcher out of the country, but firmly on television, for about 24 hours. She flies out on May 28 for its start, returning the next evening.

But a European Community summit planned for Stuttgart just two days before polling day on June 9 has now been postponed.

With the campaign well underway, the ruling Conservatives publish their manifesto Wednesday, the last major party to do so.

Mrs. Thatcher, her party leading in all the opinion polls, says she is cautiously optimistic the Conservatives will win.

The two-week postponement of the Stuttgart summit originally set for June 6-7 was seen as having removed a potential election problem for her.

Her office issued a statement expressing her gratitude to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl

for the postponement but stressing Britain did not ask for it. West Germany currently holds the European Community's rotating presidency.

A key issue on the community summit agenda will be the size of the rebate due Britain under this year's budget contribution.

Political sources said that if Mrs. Thatcher had failed to obtain a worthwhile rebate she would have been open to criticism by her opponents that she was failing to defend British interests.

The postponement means the reform of Community finances and the size of Britain's rebate can be discussed after June 9.

The Conservatives were dealt one poor card Tuesday — official figures showing industrial output fell in March after three successive monthly rises.

Opposition parties seized on them as casting doubt on government assertions that the British economy is recovering.

Williamsburg will bring together the leaders of Canada, France, Italy, West Germany and Japan as well as the United States and Britain.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dubai mourns death of Sheikh Latifa

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (R) — The Emirate of Dubai Wednesday began a week of mourning for the wife of its ruler and prime minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al Maktoum, who died Tuesday. The death of Sheikh Latifa bin Hamdan Al Nahyan, who was in her 60s, was announced by the Dubai royal court. Government and municipal offices will be closed until Sunday, while all entertainment centres, including cinemas, will be closed for a week.

Charles bet on hung parliament

LONDON (R) — Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, has a bet on with opposition Labour Party leader Michael Foot that Britain's general election next month will produce a hung parliament. Buckingham Palace said Wednesday the wager, a bottle of best claret, was made in a light-hearted moment 17 months ago when no general election was in the offing. A spokesman for Foot would not say whether the bet still stood.

Pentagon announces military exercises

WASHINGTON (R) — Nearly 5,000 U.S. troops along with cargo planes and fighters will take part in two-week military exercises in the Caribbean starting on May 31. The Pentagon announced Tuesday. Code-named "Universal Trek", the exercise will cover many aspects of a modern joint warfare scenario, the Pentagon said, including naval operations, strategic airlift, tactical air warfare and ground operations. It said the exercises, to take place in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as well as at some bases in the continental United States and on ships in the Caribbean, were intended to improve the readiness of U.S. forces in the region.

884 safely evacuated from burning ship

MANILA (R) — A passenger ship caught fire Wednesday in the central Philippines but none of the estimated 880 people on board were injured, a spokesman for the shipowners said. Antonio Mapa, vice president of the Negros Navigation Company, said fire broke out inside one of the forward hatches of the Dona Florentina, a 2,100-tonne ship which sailed out of Manila Tuesday for Iloilo Province. He said the ship beached at an island and all of the estimated 800 passengers and 84 crewmen were safely evacuated to an Iloilo-bound cargo vessel.

Canada to transfer accused war criminal

OTTAWA (R) — Canadian Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan Tuesday signed papers to speed the transfer of accused Nazi war criminal Albert Helmut Rauca to West Germany to stand trial, but no date was given for his extradition. An aide to the minister, citing security reasons, said she could not say when Rauca, accused of murdering 11,000 Lithuanian Jews during World War II, will leave the country. Rauca entered Canada legally in 1950 and became a Canadian citizen in 1956. Working first as a farm labourer, he eventually became part-owner of a hotel in Huntsville, Ontario.

Democrats elect black candidate for Philadelphia mayor nomination

PHILADELPHIA (R) — W. Wilson Goode, riding a tide of black pride, won the Democratic Party nomination last night to take a shot at becoming Philadelphia's first black mayor.

The 44-year-old son of an impoverished North Carolina sharecropper beat his white opponent, former Mayor Frank Rizzo with a late surge of voters from solidly black districts.

Mr. Rizzo, whose law-and-order policies during two terms as mayor in the 1970s prompted the city's black community to denounce him as a racist, held a narrow lead until almost 90 per cent of a record Democratic primary vote had been counted.

With 98 per cent of the city's 1,794 precincts reporting, Mr.

Goode had 312,219 votes, or 54 per cent of the total, to Mr. Rizzo's 270,115, or 46 per cent.

Poll analysts said Mr. Goode won the support of 99 per cent of the black voters in the fourth-largest U.S. city.

Mr. Rizzo, 62, who rose through the ranks to become city police chief and later mayor, appeared before 300 supporters early Wednesday but refused to concede defeat.

He also refused to say whether he would support Mr. Goode in the November election against stockbroker Mr. John Egan, who easily beat two rivals in the Republican Party primary Tuesday.

Mr. Goode's chances in November are considered excellent. Democrats outnumber Rep-

ublicans five to one in Philadelphia and blacks make up 42 per cent of the population.

In an emotional speech to more than 1,000 supporters, Mr. Goode claimed victory and pledged to work for racial unity.

The race issue was not raised during the campaign in which opinion polls predicted that Mr. Goode, city manager under retiring Mayor William Green, would swamp Mr. Rizzo by two-to-one.

More than 70 per cent of the city's 900,000 Democrats voted in Tuesday primary.

A survey of voters leaving packed polling stations said many people were casting anti-Rizzo votes because he mismanaged the city.

Bombs explode before Sri Lankans vote

COLOMBO (R) — Bombs exploded Wednesday outside five polling stations in Sri Lanka's troubled northern district of Jaffna just hours before voting started in local elections there.

Police said they believed the bombs were thrown or planted by separatist guerrillas who had threatened to disrupt the elections.

In another incident an armed gang shot at a military patrol which returned fire at point Pedro in the northern district early Wednesday, police said. There were no

reports of casualties.

Four local bodies in Jaffna district are among 46 municipal and urban councils throughout the country for which elections are being held along with 18 parliamentary by-elections.

The presidential secretariat said last night police had information of attempts to disrupt the voting and it announced that a state of emergency would be declared after polling booths closed at 5 p.m.

Security forces have additional powers of search, arrest and detention under the emergency.

Armed police guarded polling booths and troops patrolled streets in Jaffna.

Separatist guerrillas has shot dead two candidates of the ruling United National Party (UNP) and warned others of all parties in the run-up to the poll in the north.

The outlawed "Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam" guerrilla movement, demanding a separate state for minority Tamils, had also distributed leaflets in Jaffna district urging voters to boycott the elections.

Nearly 100,000 people are eligible to vote in elections to four councils in Jaffna district but observers said the turnout was very low Wednesday morning. Many shops put up shutters and the streets were virtually deserted.

Kenya reportedly curtails diplomats' movements

NAIROBI (R) — All foreign diplomats accredited to Kenya will need clearance from the president's office from now on before being allowed to travel to rural areas, the Daily Nation newspaper said Wednesday.

The decision was taken Tuesday at a meeting of the governing council of the ruling Kenya African National Union (KANU) following charges by President Daniel arap Moi that foreign countries were grooming someone to succeed him, the newspaper reported.

Foreign Ministry sources said they had so far received no notification of the move and were seeking clarification from the president's office.

Diplomats said they had no information except what they had read in the Daily Nation. There was no mention of the order in the other English-language newspapers, including the government party daily, the Kenya Times.

NAAA files suit to obtain FOIA data

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) has filed suit against the U.S. Department of Justice in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia seeking an injunction to compel the release of agency records which had been improperly withheld from a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request originally submitted by NAAA in 1980. The action was undertaken in order to learn how approximately 400 pages of documents were "lost" by the Justice Department and thereby made unavailable. The NAAA is also requesting that a new search be conducted for the lost documents, and for other measures which could lead to the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate whether arbitrary and capricious withholding of documents has occurred.

The lost documents pertain to a year-long investigation conducted in 1978-79 into alleged espionage violations by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff member Stephen D. Bryen. The investigation stemmed from a conversation overheard on March 9, 1978 in the coffee shop of the Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. in which Mr. Bryen allegedly offered to provide visiting Israeli government officials with sensitive Pentagon documents on air bases in Saudi Arabia.

Since August 1981, Bryen has been serving in the Pentagon as deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security policy under Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Perle. At the Pentagon, Mr. Bryen specializes in controlling high technology exports from the United States.

The NAAA waited two-and-a-half years of the documents it requested under the FOIA. On Dec. 28, 1982, the Justice Department finally responded, notifying NAAA that: "A search of the Criminal Division's central index revealed that there were records within the scope of your request in the Internal Security Section. After an exhaustive search, however, these records could not be located."

Instead, the department located a "working file" containing 39 records originated by the Criminal Division. In its Dec. 28 letter to NAAA, the department said the "working file" should contain most of the records contained in the original. There is no way, however, to identify what records, if any, were missing. Of the 39 records, 23 were released in their entirety to NAAA under cover of the Dec. 28 letter, amounting to 111 pages. Ten records were partially released and six records

were entirely withheld. The NAAA was officially notified on Aug. 6, 1980 that the department had received the NAAA FOIA request of April 25, 1980 and had "located indexed references to the files which contain the records you seek. We estimate that the files consist of 600 pages."

During the course of the investigation, numerous government and non-government witnesses were interviewed. Their statements, according to some of the documents obtained by NAAA, raised even more serious questions about Mr. Bryen's activities and his relationship with Mr. Zvi Rifaah, who was then the counselor of the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C.

Among the documents obtained by NAAA from its original FOIA request was an "Action Memorandum" from Mr. John H. Davis, chief of the Justice Department's Criminal Division's Internal Security Section, to Mr. Philip B. Heymann, assistant attorney general of the Criminal Division. The memorandum was written at the request of Mr. Heymann as the final status report on the investigation led by Mr. Davis and to recommend what further action was deemed necessary. Excerpts from page two of the memorandum read as follows:

"We urge strongly... an investigative grand jury. Some of the unresolved questions which suggest that Mr. Bryen is (a) gathering classified information for the Israelis, (b) acting as their unregistered agent, and (c) lying about it, are as follows:..." Unfortunately, six pages of the details of the "unresolved questions" were deleted from the documents turned over to NAAA.

In another document, also released for the first time under cover of the Dec. 28 letter, an internal Department of Justice memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti stated: "On April 18, 1978, an attorney of this division received information from a congressional staff aide that an individual identified to him as Stephen Bryen, and who has allegedly been temporarily suspended from his position on the Hill in the face of a Department of Justice investigation concerning him, may have been disclosing classified information to the government of Israel over a period of years. The source of the information stated that if the following individuals were interviewed that 'he was 98 per cent sure' that they would verify the allegations against Bryen."

— Focus

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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THE 'CURSE OF SCOTLAND' STRIKES

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 965
♥ QJ3
♦ J10753
♣ KQ

WEST
♠ K743
♥ J1082
♦ 765
♣ 92

EAST
♠ A1084
♥ 92
♦ KQ8
♣ 10964

SOUTH
♠ AQ
♥ AK1084
♦ A642
♣ 52

The bidding: West North
East South
Pass 1 Pass 2
Pass 4 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♣.

Card lore has given the name of the "Curse of Scotland" to the nine of diamonds, possibly because of its connection with the Massacre of Glencoe. It meant different things to our declarers in a team of four match.

At both tables four hearts was reached in quick time. Note that neither West felt it obligatory to enter the auction with such a shabby club suit. That sort of overall courts a penalty double for a set of titanic proportions.

At both tables West led the nine of diamonds. At one table declarer covered with the ten and captured the queen with the ace. He drew trumps in three rounds and led a diamond to the seven

and East's eight. Back came the jack of spades, and declarer finessed the queen only to see West produce the king. Declarer still had to lose a diamond trick and the ace of clubs for down one.

The other declarer looked more deeply into the hand. If East, a passed hand, had the K-Q-8 of diamonds and the ace of clubs, the contract was doomed to fail. Declarer would be forced to take a losing spade finesse before he could set the diamonds up for a discard. But if West held the ace of clubs, the contract was almost unstopable, provided East, the danger hand, could be kept off lead for the moment.

The solution was brilliant — declarer ducked the nine of diamonds in dummy! East could not afford to put up an honor without sacrificing a trick in the suit, so he too played low. And declarer allowed the nine of diamonds to win! He was quite prepared to lose two diamond tricks and a club—he wanted to avoid taking the spade finesse if possible.

West could do no better than exit with a trump. Declarer drew the outstanding trumps, cashed the ace of diamonds and gave East a diamond trick. East duly shifted to a spade, but it was too late. Declarer rose with the ace of spades, entered dummy with a diamond and sluffed the queen of spades on the 13th diamond. Making four-odd.

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22 Fred MacMurray sitcom
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27 Walker-Sidney sitcom
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